



Glendale Infant School

December 2024 Newsletter 3



Message from Mrs Hopkins...

This half term has been another busy one, with lots of learning experiences in and out of school, including: Reception's seasonal walk to Ensor's Pool and visit to the church on Heath End Road - thank you to the parent volunteers who have helped, Reception and Year 2 parents/carers workshops, with parents joining their children to complete a range of activities. 2BC have shared their class presentation with parents/carers, sharing lots of their amazing learning for this half-term. The whole school Pantomime visit to watch Dick Whittington at The Belgrade Theatre, Coventry was a huge success and enjoyed by the children.

We have been growing our brains, learning about

Reception – we have been learning about light and dark. In art, we have explored how to make colours lighter or darker. We have looked at Van Gogh's painting 'A starry night' and created our own version using foil and cotton buds. In Understanding the World, we have been learning about how shadows are formed and making our own shadow puppets.



Year 1 – our geography focus has been countries that make up the United Kingdom. We have read two Katie books by James Mayhew focusing on London and Scotland which we have followed up in literacy writing about London landmarks and a character profile of Nessie. In art we have looked at the work by Tom Butler and have produced some work inspired by his use of newspaper and London landmarks.



Year 2 – we have been reading the book Finding Winnie. We have focused on the different emotions which Winnie experienced at different points in the book and compared similarities and differences between different parts of the book. We have investigated different illustrators and investigating sketching techniques. In Science we have enjoyed learning about life cycles.





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Stars of the Week



- R1** – **Liam C** for becoming more confident and offering suggestions during carpet times.
Bethany M-L for demonstrating great perseverance with her learning and enjoying new challenges.
Yana L for always choosing to do the right thing, being kind and friendly to everyone.
- R2** – **Olivia L** for fantastic phonics – learning new sounds and writing them neatly.
Charlie D for fantastic letter formation when writing phonics sounds.
Ewan M for fantastic rhyming and writing of rhyming words.
Bruce W for fantastic letter formation when writing phonics sounds.
- R3** – **Evolette D** for excellent progress with her letter formation.
Delilah T for fantastic phonics. She is picking up the sounds and having a good go.
Fatima H for having a super attitude to her learning and always keen to practise more.
- 1B** – **Clancy W** for brilliant writing in Literacy.
Alfie K for wonderful “I wonder” sentences about snakes.
Henri C for brilliant work in computing.
- 1H** – **Jenson M** for trying very hard with his handwriting and using capital letters and full stops.
Ivy P for always showing respect for others, being honest and a good friend.
Flynn M for super name writing on the line.
- 1R** – **Mason E-O** for trying hard with his letter formation and handwriting.
Willow B for always sitting beautifully on the carpet.
Artur Z for writing a wonderful firework poem and an excellent drawing of London.
- 2A** – **Maria B** for being an amazing role model to others and always making the right choices.
Robin G for using lovely adjectives in her writing.
Ava Q for trying her best in Literacy and maths.
- 2BC** – **Emma B-C** for super writing about the storm in our story.
Jay B for trying his best and making a big improvement in his concentration.
Samuel C for trying hard to make the right choices and being helpful in class.
- 2W** – **Rosaria K** settling into Year 2 brilliantly.
Layla-Rose P for always setting a high standard for others.

Well done to all of these children!





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We have celebrated with:

**Fatima H, Charlie Q, Freya T, Bethany M-L, Jacob B and Harley L
who are now 5!**

**Matias S, Ayla D, Alfie K, Monica J, Esmee G, Tyler P, Jacob J,
Georgie W and Nathanael N V who are now 6!**

**Jay B, Oakley-John, Ellie W, Cody B, Amelia M and Mya L
who are now 7!**

Our current school value is: *Respect*

"We are all different yet all equal." We know that other people are as important as ourselves. They might be different or have different beliefs but they are still equal.

Please do talk to your child about this and praise them when they show respect, explain to them what they have done that demonstrates this for example;

"Well done you have shown me respect by listening to my instructions and doing..."

"That was very respectful, you could see that X was carrying lots and you offered to help."



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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11th Dec (10am) – Reception Christmas concert for R1 and R2 (A-K) **(tickets have been sent out – please bring your tickets with you, you will need them to be admitted.)**

Thursday 12th Dec (10am)– Reception Christmas concert for R3 and R2 (L-Z) **(tickets have been sent out – please bring your tickets with you, you will need them to be admitted.)**

Christmas Jumper Day – wear a festive/colourful top/jumper and help to raise money for Save the Children and local charity Mary Ann Evans Hospice.

Tuesday 17th Dec (10am) – Year 1 Christmas concert for 1B and 1H (A-M) **(tickets will be sent out – please bring your tickets with you, you will need them to be admitted.)**

Wednesday 18th Dec (10am) – Year 1 Christmas concert for 1R and 1H (N-Z) **(tickets will be sent out – please bring your tickets with you, you will need them to be admitted.)**

Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the end of the concert.

Friday 20th Dec – Christmas Party Day and Father Christmas visit – wear your party clothes.
Christmas Lunch.

LAST DAY OF TERM

USEFUL INFORMATION

If you need help with any queries or concerns regarding your child or family either at home or school, please remember you can contact Mrs Lapworth at school. She might be able to give you some help or advice or signpost you to where you might be able to get further help/support.

There is also the Family Information Service (FIS) – we put their regular newsletters onto the school website. They offer a wealth of services, signposting and support. You can get in touch with us by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.





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REMINDERS

Contact Information

Please can we remind you to make sure we have the most up to date contacts in the office. If you change your phone number or address, notify the office promptly, in case we need to contact you.

Early Bird & After School Club

Please remember to book places the week before. Booking opens on a Monday and closes on a Thursday at 4pm. If you have missed booking you can contact the office, but there may be limited availability.

School Play Equipment

Please can we remind you that children should NOT be on the play equipment before and after school.

Other news



We raised a total of £238, thank you for your donations.

When we have a total for the money raised in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal we will share this with you.



Christmas Fair and Hamper Raffle – our annual Christmas Fair on 28th November was a huge success once again. Thank you to everybody who donated and joined us on the evening. The combined total for these, to date, is £1,900. Raffle tickets will be on sale before each of the concerts.





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Attendance



These classes have had 'good attendance' 96% or more over the past few weeks:

R1 x2, R2, R3 x2, 1B, 1R, 1H x2, 2W x2, 2A

Week ending: 18th November

Highest weekly attendance: R1 with 100%

Whole school weekly attendance: 97.2%

Week ending: 25th November

Highest weekly attendance: 1R (99.3%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.6%

Well done.

We know that sometimes illness means children need time off, if they are just 'a little under the weather' please send them in, we will monitor them and would always contact you if they need to be at home. If you are unsure whether your child should be kept off please take a look at the information following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/U/KHSA-should-I-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf>

Please call us as early in the morning as possible, to inform us of an absence, explaining clearly the reason for your child's absence.

If you are struggling to get your child to school for any reason please do come and speak to one of the attendance or pastoral team or ask their class teacher to pass on a message, we are here to help:

Mrs Demers, Mrs Lapworth, Miss Barrass or Mrs Hopkins.

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**

